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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session

Draft report

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

[*To be completed*]

II. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development

1. The Commission held a general discussion on item 3 of its agenda, entitled "Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development", at its 2nd, 3rd and ... meetings, on 3, 4 and ... April 2006. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, focusing on international migration and development (E/CN.9/2006/3);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes, focusing on international migration and development (E/CN.9/2006/4);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/2006/5);

(d) Note verbale dated 3 April 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat, transmitting the document entitled "Mexico and the migration phenomenon" (E/CN.9/2006/8);

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(e) Statement submitted by Population Action International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.9/2006/NGO/1);

(f) Statement submitted by the Population Institute, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.9/2006/NGO/2).

2. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 April, statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund.

3. At the same meeting, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; the Chief of the Migration Section of the Demographic Analysis Branch of the Population Division; the Chief of the Population and Development Branch of the United Nations Population Fund; and the Senior Project Adviser of the Population and Development Branch of the United Nations Population Fund.

4. Also at the 2nd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Bangladesh, the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

6. At the 3rd meeting, on 4 April, statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Rio Group), Cuba, Belgium, the United States of America and Canada.

7. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the International Organization for Migration and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

[8. At the 7th meeting, on 6 April, a statement was made by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration and Development.

9. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Sweden and the Netherlands.]

III. General debate on national experience in population matters: international migration and development

10. The Commission held a general discussion on item 4 of its agenda, entitled "General debate on national experience in population matters: international migration and development", at its 3rd through 5th, 7th and ... th meetings, on 4, 5 and ... April 2006.

11. At the 3rd meeting, on 4 April, statements were made by the representatives of China and Australia.

12. At the 4th meeting, on 4 April, the Chairperson of the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Carmen María Gallardo Hernández (El Salvador), and the Chairman of the forty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, Javier Loayza Barea (Bolivia), addressed the Commission on Population and Development.

13. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, the Philippines, Switzerland, Japan, Botswana, El Salvador, Luxembourg, Portugal, Morocco, Croatia, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Pakistan, Cuba and Bolivia.

14. At the 5th meeting, on 5 April, statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay, France, the United States of America, Norway, India and Poland.

15. At the 6th meeting, on 5 April, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Zambia, Mexico, the Gambia, Peru, Thailand, Bulgaria, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Jamaica, Algeria and Spain as well as the observer for the Holy See.

16. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

17. Also at the 6th meeting, in accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council made statements: World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows and International Union for the Scientific Study of Population.

Keynote addresses

18. At its 3rd meeting, on 4 April, the Commission heard keynote addresses by Rita Süssmuth, OTA University, Berlin, and Papa Owusu-Ankomah, Minister for the Interior of Ghana, which were followed by discussions in which the delegations of the Gambia, Pakistan, Canada, the Philippines and Botswana took part.

19. At its 5th meeting, on 5 April, the Commission heard keynote addresses by Margarita Escobar, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs for Salvadoreans Living Abroad, and J. Edward Taylor, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California at Davis, which were followed by discussions in which the delegations of Bolivia, Switzerland, Mexico, France, the Gambia, Canada, Pakistan, Ghana and Italy took part.

[20. At its 7th meeting, on 6 April, the Commission heard a keynote address by Patricia A. Sto. Tomas, Secretary of Labour and Employment of the Philippines, which was followed by a discussion [to be completed].]

IV. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population

21. The Commission held a general discussion on item 5 of its agenda, entitled "Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population", at its 6th ... meetings, on 5 and ... April 2006. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2005: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/2006/6).

22. At the 6th meeting, on 5 April, the Senior Population Affairs Officer of the Population Division made an introductory statement.

23. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Switzerland, Norway and France.

24. Also at the 6th meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

[25. At the 7th meeting, on 6 April, statements were made by _____ [to be completed].]

V. Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development

26. The Commission considered item 6 of its agenda, entitled "Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development", at its 7th and ... meetings, on 6 and ... April 2006.

27. At the 7th meeting, on 6 April, the Director of the Population Division made a statement.

28. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of _____ [to be completed].

VI. Provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission

[*To be completed*]

VII. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session

[*To be completed*]

VIII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

29. The Commission held its thirty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters on 14 April 2005 and from 3 to 7 April 2006. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

30. The session was opened by the Chairman.

B. Attendance

31. The session was attended by ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and one non-member State, representatives of organizations and other entities of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants will be available in document E/CN.9/2006/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

32. At its 1st meeting, on 14 April 2005, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:

Crispin Grey-Johnson (Gambia)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon)
Ewa Fratczak (Poland)
Albert Graf (Germany)
Elena Zuniga (Mexico)

33. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 April 2006, the Commission elected Pablo Enrique Torres Salmerón (Mexico) to replace Elena Zuniga (Mexico), who had resigned, and designated Ewa Fratczak (Poland) to serve as Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

D. Report of the Bureau of the Commission on its intersessional meeting

34. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 April, the Chairman reported on the intersessional meeting of the Bureau of the Commission, held in Banjul on 19 and 20 December 2005.

35. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report of the Bureau (E/CN.9/2006/2).

E. Agenda

36. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 April, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.9/2006/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development.
4. General debate on national experience in population matters: international migration and development.
5. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population.
6. Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development.
7. Provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission.
8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session.

F. Documentation

37. The list of documents before the Commission at its thirty-ninth session is available from the website of the Population Division at http://www.un.org/esa/population.

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Item 6 of the provisional agenda*
Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations

Methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994, in which the Assembly designated the Commission on Population and Development as part of the three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism responsible for monitoring, reviewing and assessing the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[1]

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2005/48 of 27 July 2005 and decision 2005/213 of 31 March 2005,

Recalling its decisions 2004/2 and 2005/2 on its methods of work,

Emphasizing that the Commission should play a key role in supporting the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Affirming that its annual review of follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development should be comprehensive so as to respond to issues of heightened and emerging concern,

Emphasizing the breadth of experience of non-governmental organizations in the follow-up to the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation[2] and the need to continue to promote their effective participation in and valuable contribution to the work of the Commission, in accordance with the

* E/CN.9/2006/1.

[1] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[2] General Assembly resolution S-21/2, annex.

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rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Recalls* General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, in which the Assembly requested that each functional commission examine its methods of work in order to better pursue the implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, while recognizing that each functional commission has its own specificity;

2. *Decides* that the Commission will adopt a multi-year programme of work limited to a two-year planning horizon, and also decides to select a special theme for each year based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;[1]

3. *Also decides* that, in considering each annual theme, the Commission will continue to review and assess both its substantive and policy aspects as well as progress made in programme implementation in relation to that theme;

4. *Further decides* that the Commission, at its general debate, with participation open to all Member States and observers, including through the use of keynote speakers and experts on the special theme, will address the challenges to the implementation of the goals, objectives and commitments of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development as well as the means for accelerating their implementation;

5. *Decides* that the outcomes of the discussions of the Commission, including on its special theme, where possible and appropriate, should contain substantive recommendations for furthering the implementation of the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation;

6. *Also decides* to include in its programme of work new and emerging issues, as necessary, agreed by the Commission upon recommendation of Member States in that regard;

7. *Invites* Member States, in order to maintain and enhance the quality and impact of the Commission's debates, to consider including in their delegations to the Commission representatives with technical expertise in the particular areas of population and development under consideration;

8. *Requests* the bureau of the Commission to meet as frequently as necessary in preparation for annual sessions of the Commission, as well as to facilitate regular and informal open-ended briefings, in conjunction with the Secretariat, to Member States on the status of such preparations;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ensure strengthened cooperation and coordination between relevant parts of the United Nations system in the technical preparation of future sessions of the Commission.